

Remarks/Arguments:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1 to 13 remain in the application. Applicants appreciatively note that claims 1 to 13 are allowed.

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the Examiner's confirmation of receipt of applicants' claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) - (d).

In item 2 on page 2 of the Office action, the Examiner states that no copies were supplied of the prior art references TW 381309 submitted on October 23, 2003, and JP 63-044768, submitted on September 26, 2003.

Applicants emphasize and herewith submit proof that copies of the above-mentioned references were, indeed, mailed to the PTO. Enclosed herewith, as corroborating evidence, and in accordance with **Rules 8(b) and 1.10(c)**, is a copy of the pertinent portions of the previous mailings, i.e., those references believed by the Examiner to not have been submitted and any accompanying documents. In detail:

Mailing under 1.10(c) on September 26, 2003

- 1) New application transmittal letter;

- 2) Express mail label and postcard;
- 3) IDS listing fifteen (15) references - PTO 1449 (3 pages);
- 4) Patent Abstract of Japan 63044768;
- 5) Declaration signed by Laurence A. Greenberg; and
- 6) Counsel's outgoing mail docket for September 26, 2003.

Mailing under 1.8(b) dated October 23, 2003

- 1) IDS listing two (2) references - PTO 1449 (1 page);
- 2) Postcard;
- 3) Declaration signed by Laurence A. Greenberg in the  
absence of Mark P. Weichselbaum who is no longer with the  
firm; and
- 4) counsel's outgoing mail docket for October 23, 2003.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the statement that the documents were not received by the PTO, consider the two references cited, and issue a new Office action indicated that the two cited references were considered when issuing the allowance of claims 1 to 13.

In item 3A on pages 2 and 3 of the Office action, the Examiner indicated that reference numeral 2 in FIG. 3 should point to the layer on the substrate and the not to the arrows. The Examiner is correct and a new FIG. 3 is herewith submitted. Attached hereto is both a replacement sheet and an annotated

sheet showing the changes made. An Appendix including the amended drawing figures is attached following the last page of this paper.

In item 3B on pages 3 to 4 of the Office action, the Examiner indicated that lines 8 to 11 of the Abstract of the Disclosure should be deleted. Applicants reworded these lines and respectfully believe that the objectionable material is no longer present.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Please charge any fees that might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIG 1

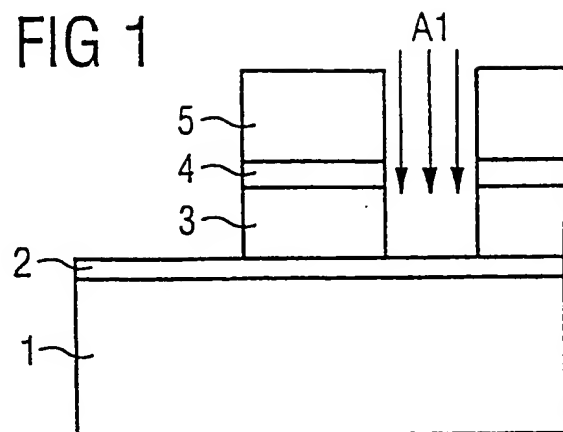


FIG 2

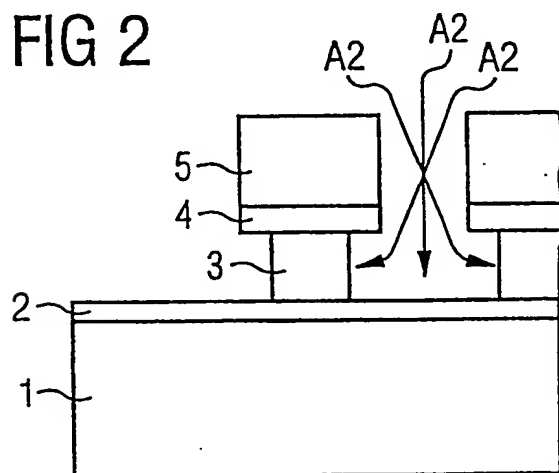


FIG 3

